

# CHÂTEAU ROYAL D'AMBOISE





# AMBOISE,

## SHARE THE KINGS' EMOTIONS



FRANÇOIS 1<sup>ER</sup>

RENAISSANCE

TOMB OF  
LEONARDO DA VINCI

FRENCH-STYLE LUXURY

A BALCONY  
ON THE LOIRE

GARDENS

HISTORY  
OF FRANCE

LANDSCAPE

RESIDENCE OF THE  
KINGS OF FRANCE



### THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PANORAMA IN THE LOIRE VALLEY

Suspended between the sky and the Loire, the royal château of Amboise's terraces form an exceptional balcony overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage landscape. Offer your clients this picture-postcard view, which will be the highlight of their trip.

### THE RENAISSANCE PALACE OF THE FRENCH KINGS

Pomp, beauty, creativity, and extravagance... When the kings of France decided to create superb palaces inspired by the Italian Renaissance, their architects designed architectural jewels. Do not miss the opportunity to share a discovery of Amboise, the favourite château of king François I<sup>er</sup>.

### THE LOCATION OF LEONARDO DA VINCI'S TOMB

One of the most famous geniuses in the history of humanity rests in peace in the royal château of Amboise. A universal character, Leonardo da Vinci is the natural point of reference for all your clients, from France or other countries, when they imagine the Renaissance. Discovering his tomb will certainly be a key moment of their stay in the Loire Valley.



- A château in the heart of town, with its shops and a wide choice of accommodation.
- Direct, easy access:
  - 🚗 2h30 from Paris,
  - 🚆 train station a 15-minute walk,
  - 🚌 drop-off point nearby,
  - 🚲 "Loire à Vélo" (Loire Valley cycling routes).
- Many activities to enjoy locally.



# RE-OPENING

## OF THE ST. HUBERT CHAPEL

Spring 2024



The St. Hubert Chapel will once again be fully unveiled for visitors to the Royal Château of Amboise in Spring 2024 after more than two years of works, involving artisans from more than 10 fields. This architectural jewel, built by the kings of France during the Renaissance, which houses Leonardo da Vinci's tomb, has undergone significant restoration:

the sculpted stone features, the decorations, the timber frame, the stained-glass windows, the lead roof have been the focus of these works, which are on a scale not seen for almost 150 years. Almost 3 million euros have been committed to this restoration project, which also aims to serve as an example of best practice in terms of public outreach.

Cleaned free of the residue accumulated over time, sparkling after a perfectly executed clean-up, the building will be at its spectacular best. It already occupies an impressive position high up above the town, clinging to the ramparts. Leonardo will once more be able to welcome visitors to the most beautiful of settings.



# EXHIBITIONS:

## 2024 SEASON



***“Leonardo after Leonardo.  
Engravings of the master’s masterpieces,  
from the BNF collections***  
(Bibliothèque Nationale de France / National Library of France)  
From 1<sup>st</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

The exhibition takes place on the walking tour of the Royal Lodge.  
No supplement payable for access, or booking.

### “Christmas, childhood dreams” Sharing magical memories

At the Royal Château of Amboise, the young Renaissance princes celebrate the Nativity festivities. Now 500 years later, this tradition continues. Each year, the magical “Christmas, childhood dreams” decorations arrive to enrich the permanent collections. It’s an opportunity for all generations to come

together through Christmas memories and imagery. Magnificent scenography installed throughout the visitor route.

**Visitors can enjoy this spectacle every day for one month (except the 25/12 and 1/01) with no supplement payable.**

### “Christmas in the land of the châteaux”

Over the course of one month, seven great Loire châteaux (Amboise, Azay-le-Rideau, Chinon, Chenonceau, Langeais,

Loches et Villandry) celebrate with exceptional visitor routes and entertainment. This is “Christmas in châteaux country” in Touraine.

[www.noelaupaysdeschateaux.com](http://www.noelaupaysdeschateaux.com)



A new  
**theme**  
every year!



- A new alternative to traditional Christmas markets
- Each château has its own theme
- Wide range of activities and events

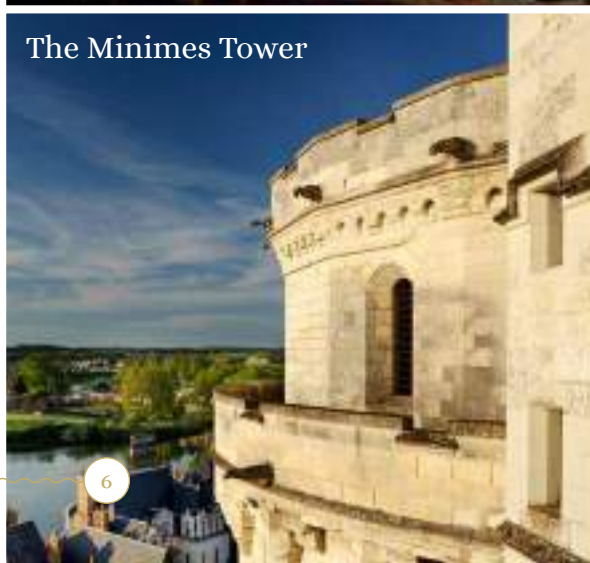


# RENAISSANCE INTERIORS

Duration of visit: 1h



The Minimes Tower



The Great Hall

During the visit, discover an exceptional collection of Gothic and Renaissance furniture. Linger in the Great Hall where royal audiences and banquets were held, before taking the prestigious cavalier towers and admiring their architectural singularity, unique in the Loire Valley.



The Guards Walkway



# THE GARDEN MEDITERRANEAN-INSPIRED

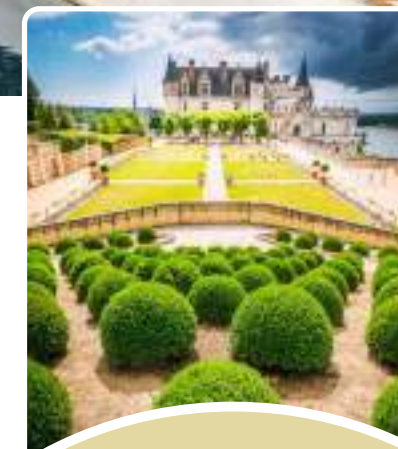
Duration of visit: 30/45 min.



Covering 2 hectares, Amboise's magnificent, suspended gardens offer exceptional panoramic views across the Loire. Numerous species of Mediterranean plants, a symbol of the Italian influences at Amboise, invite you on a journey. Faced with climate change issues, the gardens must reconcile the need for

freshness, a measured approach to watering and the lack of agrochemical use.

Classified as a "Remarkable Garden" since 2019, the château of Amboise gardens combine beauty and best practice. They reflect the ancestral art of living in the Loire Valley.



- "Remarkable Garden"
- French Bird Protection League Refuge (LPO)
- Reasoned and eco-responsible management
- Eco-grazing
- Waste sorted for recycling





# THE HISTOPAD®,

## A VOYAGE IN TIME



The latest generation **HistoPad** technology makes it possible to spectacularly enrich the discovery of the Royal Château of Amboise with 3D recreations of the buildings and interior décors, and the 360° recreation of court life scenes.

**This tool, included in the château entrance price. Average duration of visit: 90 min. Written commentary in 12 languages.**

- For group guided visits: the **Histopad Pro** can be used by our lecturer guides or by your tour leaders (with pre-training).
- For your individual or group clients: A **HistoPad Solo** will be issued at the ticket office (Booking required for groups).



# TAILOR

## YOUR VISIT TO YOU

### Visit of the Royal Loggia and the St. Hubert Chapel (Leonardo da Vinci's tomb) - 1 hour



#### • Visit with **HistoPad**



#### • Visit with visitor guide

(adult guide available in 16 languages)



(visitor guide for children, from 3 to 6 years old, in 2 languages)



#### • Commentated visit with a lecturer/guide of the Loggia and the chapel in 6 languages (supplement payable, booking required).



#### • Welcome for accompanied groups

External guides/accompanying adults are welcome on-site. They must follow the instructions issued by the Château personnel. There is the choice of a **Histopad Pro** for your guide/tour leader, an individual **HistoPad Solo** (12 languages/booking required), or a visitor guide (16 languages).

### "Behind the scenes of History" - 1 hour



#### • Combined guided visit of the underground passageways and the Royal Lodge. Exclusive access to the underground passages and to the towers of the medieval fortress situated under the Renaissance Lodge in 6 languages (with supplement, booking required, max. 18pp per group)





# WHERE TO EAT



The château's café is open every day in July and August. You will find light meals (salads, sandwiches, quiches, and desserts) soft drinks and alcoholic drinks, to take away or eat in. Outside these dates, you will find self-service machines

offering hot and cold drinks and biscuits.

When the weather is good, we also invite you to bring a picnic, which you can enjoy on the lawns with a breath-taking view of the Loire. A guaranteed unforgettable moment!



## EXTEND YOUR TRIP WITH THE "LOIRE À VÉLO"

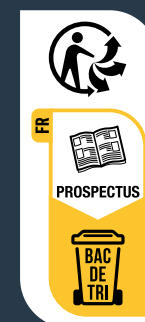
(Loire Valley cycling routes)

Park your motorised vehicle and mount your steed! There are numerous signposted routes from Amboise. The Loire Valley awaits you. Peacefully and at your own pace, this is a way to enjoy a trip full of surprises!

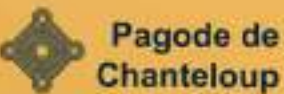
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Pagode de  
Chanteloup

**P** On Sunday,  
rues du 8 mai 1945  
et du Clos des gardes

Camping de  
l'île d'Or

La Loire

Tours

**P**

Tours

Quai Charles de Gaulle

Drop-off point

**i**

**P**

Rue Nationale

Rue Rabelais

Rue Bretonneau

Rue Victor Hugo

**P** Place  
Richelieu

**P** Parking  
des Tanneurs

Clos Lucé

**P** Avenue Léonard De Vinci

Rue Augustin Thierry

Rue Léonard Perrault

PMR  
Entrance



## PMR Access

Access for reduced  
mobility visitors:

**PORTE DES LIONS,  
RUE AUGUSTIN THIERRY  
37400 AMBOISE**

GPS : N.47.413144 / E.O. 988904

**P** Pay car parking

**P** Free car parking

**P** Free bus parking

Camping car parking

100 meters





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